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utterances in these pages are worthy of consideration. His inferences, however, are too broad and his denunciations too sweeping to permit thoughtful men to accept them without more grounds than these addresses afford. We cannot take them, as he desires us to do, on his authority as a scholar and a Christian, however much we may admire him in both respects.—*Die Bibel in der Geschichte*. Beiträge zur Bibelfrage und zu einer Geschichtsphilosophie vom Mittelpunkt der biblischen Anschauung. Von Otto Ziemssen. (Gotha: Thienemann, 1899; pp. vii + 120; M. 2.40.) Ziemssen feels that the need of the age is a fuller and a correcter acceptance of the biblical teachings, and seeks to contribute to the recognition of that need by an exposition of the influence of the Bible upon the history of mankind. In true German fashion he introduces this not very narrow theme with a "vorbereitender Theil" of over fifty pages dealing with the power of literature, and especially of religious literature, in history, and with a series of brief expositions of the various non-biblical sacred books. The treatise is, therefore, in form disproportionate, but its spirit is free and devout, the author's knowledge and reasoning full and clear, and the theme one of surpassing interest and importance.—G. S. GOODSPEED.

Babylonians and Assyrians: Life and Customs. By Rev. A. H. Sayce, Professor of Assyriology at Oxford. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899; pp. x + 263; \$1.25.) An immense amount of information is packed into this volume, which is such a one as only a master of Assyrian lore like Professor Sayce could produce. It is written in an easy, pleasant style, and the picturesque side of things is made prominent. The marks of too great rapidity of preparation are evident, however, by the repetitions, contradictions, and misprints which are too numerous to be excusable. The failure to furnish an index is disheartening.—G. S. GOODSPEED.

Septuagintastudien III. Von Professor Eberhard Nestle, Ph.D. (Stuttgart: Stuttgarter Vereins-Buchdruckerei, 1899; pp. 36.) This is a third section to the previously published two studies in the Septuagint, in which Professor Nestle, of Maulbronn, has made valuable contributions to the knowledge of the text and the history of the Greek version of certain Old Testament books. In the introduction he calls attention, and rightly, to the need of a more widespread acquaintance with and use of the Apocrypha of the Old Testament; and the present brochure is a contribution toward that end. It is mainly devoted to a study of

the Prayer of Manasses, treating of its printed text, the manuscript witnesses for it, the form and transmission of the text, and the more recent attention given to this writing. Six pages then discuss certain details of the text of the book of Tobit, comparing the readings of the Sinaitic with those of the Vatican and Alexandrian codices. Such work is essential to the critical determination of the biblical and associated literature, and has a scholar's reward.—CLYDE W. VOTAW.

Historisch-kritische Bedenken gegen die Graf-Wellhausensche Hypothese von einem früheren Anhänger. Den Studierenden der Theologie gewidmet. Von Wilhelm Möller. Mit einem Begleitwort versehen von Professor Dr. C. von Orelli. (Gütersloh: Bertelsmann, 1899; pp. xii + 126; M. 2.) If Renan's dictum, that one must first have believed in a religion and then lost faith in it, to be able rightly to estimate it, be true also of other spheres of human life and thought, then the writer of this pamphlet is most thoroughly and properly equipped for his task. The book is another evidence of the new movement in Germany of partial reaction against the prevailing school of Old Testament criticism. Such a reaction is a good sign, for it will put the new views to the test of severe criticism from a point of view to which they have themselves led. The author divides his critique into two parts: (1) comparison of the law with the history of Israel, (2) comparison of the laws with one another. He writes clearly and strongly. The book should be widely read.—G. S. GOODSPEED.

Die Psalmen. Uebersetzt von D. Bernhard Duhm, ord. Professor der Theologie zu Basel. (Freiburg i. B.: J. C. B. Mohr, 1899; pp. 222; M. 3.50.) Professor Duhm, whose excellent commentary on the Psalms forms one of the *Hand-Commentar* series, has turned to practical account his technical knowledge, and given us in this little volume a metrical translation of the Psalter. It is intended primarily for popular use, but is based on an exhaustive study of the text. The superscriptions are omitted because not attributable to the authors of the several psalms over which they stand in the Massoretic text. Instead of Yahweh, Jhvh, or any other strange form, the author adopts *der Herr*. About twenty-five pages of introduction on the character and composition of the Psalter prepare the general reader for a lively appreciation of the excellent and simple translation that follows. The language chosen and the method of expression are striking and picturesque. Occasional footnotes contain either translations of passages